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10/606,396Remarks

Claims 1-42 remain in the application. Claims 7, 10, 12, 14-16, and 19-32 have been withdrawn from consideration.

The allowance of claims 33-42 is noted.

By this amendment, claim 1 has been amended to address the antecedent basis issue the Examiner identified as the only remaining issue in the Office Action mailed January 26, 2005. Applicants respectfully believe that claims 1-6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 17 and 18 now meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of all the above, it is believed that the balance of the claims are allowable, and the case is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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